## STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; Wisconsin's 1,175 licensed cheesemakers are part of a dedicated, vibrant dairy community that crafts delicious and wholesome cheeses; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has led the nation in cheese making since 1910, and, today, our cheesemakers produce more than 2.9 billion pounds of cheese annually in more than 600 types, styles, and varieties; and

WHEREAS; the State's cheese makers produced 640 million pounds of specialty cheeses in 2013, which accounted for 23 percent of Wisconsin's total cheese production; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin captured 59 percent of the awards at the 2015 U.S. Championship Cheese Contest, with 56 Wisconsin cheese companies garnering awards; and

WHEREAS; the State's 138 cheese plants produce high-quality, Wisconsin-made cheeses for consumers around the world, which benefit our local communities and contribute to our State's economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 2015, as

## **CHEESE MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015.

SCOTT WALKER GOVERNOR